



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE COMMENTS ON USDA MILK PRICE ACTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- USDA's Friday announcement of an increase in dairy price supports won mixed reaction from Senator Bob Dole today.

Dole welcomed the increase to 80% of parity as "a welcome sign to dairymen of much needed protection" against the possibility of declining prices. "But the increase should have been greater," Dole added, "given the current conditions affecting dairymen in Kansas and nationwide."

Dole said that an increase in parity was needed to serve the interests "both of farmers and consumers."

"If our dairymen aren't afforded some reasonable degree of protection" Dole added, "many more would be forced out of business and milk supplies available to consumers could be seriously diminished."

The Kansas Senator viewed the USDA action as acceptable but said he would have preferred Administration acceptance of the increase to 85% which was contained in legislation sponsored by Dole and Senator Hubert Humphrey. The legislation was passed but vetoed by President Ford.

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